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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

5 Applicant(s): Fleischer et al.
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10 Group: 2616
Examiner: Hanh N. Nguyen

Title: Fast and Scaleable Approximation Methods for Finding Minimum Cost Flows
with Shared Recovery Strategies and System Using Same

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated July 20, 2006, please amend
30 the above-identified patent application as follows.